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Applicant: Carpentier, et al.

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Title: TREATMENT OF BIOPROSTHETIC TISSUES TO MITIGATE POST
IMPLANTATION CALCIFICATION**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, dated May 3, 2004, in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner identified seven inventions in the Office Action. Without agreeing with the propriety of the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Invention I, i.e., claims 1-20, and 22-24.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in a condition for allowance and, accordingly, solicit an early notice to that effect.

If an appropriate payment does not accompany or precede this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, such as under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, including any petition for extension of time, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1225 (ECV-5608).

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